



**STATE OF DELAWARE
DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
POLICY, PLANNING & QUALITY**

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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA 07-2016

TO: All DMMA and DSS Staff

DATE: February 19, 2016

SUBJECT: 2016 Federal Poverty Level and Medical Assistance Income Limits

BACKGROUND

The 2016 Federal Poverty Level guidelines were announced in the Federal Register on January 25, 2016. The Federal Poverty Level guidelines are used to compute income eligibility standards for:

- Parents/Caretaker Relatives
- Pregnant Women
- Infants
- Children
- Adults
- Delaware Healthy Children Program
- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)
- Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
- Qualifying Individual 1 (QI-1)
- Qualified Disabled Working Individual (QDWI)
- Delaware Prescription Assistance Program (DPAP)

DISCUSSION

The monthly countable income limits are effective January 1 for parents/caretaker relatives, pregnant women, infants, children, adults, Delaware Healthy Children Program, and QDWIs. The income limits are effective February 1 for the Delaware Prescription Assistance Program. The income limits are effective April 1 for QMBs, SLMBs, and QI-1s, who have title II income.

- Parents/Caretaker Relatives must have family income at or below 87% of poverty.
- Pregnant women and infants under age 1 must have family income at or below 212% of poverty. Pregnant women count as 2 (or more) family members.
- Children age 1 through age 5 (under age 6) must have family income at or below 142% of poverty.

- Children age 6 through age 18 (under age 19) must have family income at or below 133% of poverty.
- Adults must have family income at or below 133% of poverty.
- Children in the Delaware Healthy Children Program must have income at or below 212% of poverty.
- A QMB must have income at or below 100% of poverty.
- A SLMB must have income at or below 120% of poverty.
- A QI-1 must have income that is over 120% of poverty but does not exceed 135% of poverty.
- A QDWI must have income at or below 200% of poverty.
- For DPAP, an individual must have income at or below 200% of poverty
- For a family size greater than 10, add \$4,160 to the annual income for each family member.

The attached charts show the income limits for the various medical assistance programs and the premium amounts for the Delaware Healthy Children Program.

The Federal Poverty Level and the income eligibility limits will remain the same as in year 2015 for families with more than 6 persons. This is because of rounding and standardizing adjustments that, in rare circumstances, result in small decreases in the poverty levels for some family sizes. To prevent a reduction in the poverty levels for the affected family sizes, a minor adjustment in the formula was implemented and provides for the poverty levels to remain fixed at the prior year's levels.

ACTION REQUIRED

The new income limits will be updated in the eligibility system with the appropriate effective dates.

The eligibility system will identify any cases that were denied or closed due to income between adverse action in December 2015 and the date the new income limits are put into production. Staff will receive a report of these cases and will need to run eligibility for these cases.

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2016 Countable Income Limits for Federal Poverty Level Related Medical Assistance Programs

Family Size	Annual Income 100% FPL	Monthly Income 87% FPL Parents/Caretaker Relatives	Monthly Income 133% FPL Age 6 through 18 Adults	Monthly Income 142% FPL Age 1 through 5	Monthly Income 200% FPL DPAP	Monthly Income 212% FPL Pregnant Women Infants
1	11,880	862	1,317	1,406	1,980	2,099
2	16,020	1,162	1,776	1,896	2,670	2,831
3	20,160	1,462	2,235	2,386	3,360	3,562
4	24,300	1,762	2,694	2,876	4,050	4,293
5	28,440	2,062	3,153	3,366	4,740	5,025
6	32,580	2,363	3,611	3,856	5,430	5,756
7	36,730	2,663	4,071	4,347	6,122	6,489
8	40,890	2,965	4,532	4,839	6,815	7,224
9	45,050	3,267	4,994	5,331	7,509	7,959
10	49,210	3,568	5,455	5,824	8,202	8,694

Family Size	Monthly Income 100% FPL QMB	Monthly Income 120% FPL SLMB	Monthly Income 135% FPL QI-1	Monthly Income 200% FPL QDWI
1	990	1,188	1,337	1,980
2	1,335	1,602	1,803	2,670

Delaware Healthy Children Program
2016 Countable Income Limits
212% FPL

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	2,099
2	2,831
3	3,562
4	4,293
5	5,025
6	5,756
7	6,489
8	7,224
9	7,959
10	8,694

Delaware Healthy Children Program
Monthly Premium Based on Countable Family Income
% of FPL

Family Size	Monthly Income 143% - 176% Premium \$15	Monthly Income 177% - 212% Premium \$25
1	1,416 — 1,743	1,744 — 2,099
2	1,910 — 2,350	2,351 — 2,831
3	2,403 — 2,957	2,958 — 3,562
4	2,896 — 3,564	3,565 — 4,293
5	3,390 — 4,172	4,173 — 5,025
6	3,883 — 4,779	4,780 — 5,756
7	4,377 — 5,388	5,389 — 6,489
8	4,873 — 5,998	5,999 — 7,224
9	5,369 — 6,608	6,609 — 7,959
10	5,865 — 7,218	7,219 — 8,694